Stenographers on qualification basis only;

(ii) whether it was altered subsequently;

(iii) if so, the reasons for the same;

(*b*) the number of departments and the qualified Stenographers before 1st January 1947 who have not been given the first grade :

(*c*) the number of departments and the qualified Stenographers before 1st January 1947 who have not been given the first grade;

(*d*) the reasons as to why the qualified Stenographers in the remaining departments have not been given the first grade;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that representations have been made by the Shorthand Writers' Association of Mysore regarding the grant of first grade to the remaining qualified Stenographers in some departments; if so, action taken thereon;

(*f*) whether it is not a fact that very recently all the qualified Stenographers before 1st January 1947 were given the first grade in the Judicial Department;

(*g*) whether it is under their contemplation to give the first grade to the qualified Stenographers in the remaining departments who were duly qualified before 1st January 1947?

A.—**Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) The object of the revised order is to extend the concession of 1st grade to qualified Stenographers of Judicial Department.

The object of the other order is to encourage people to qualify themselves in the higher test, *viz*, Proficiency and thereby increase efficiency.

(*b*) Not readily available.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of (*b*) above.

(*d*) On financial grounds the concession could not be extended.

(*e*) Yes; it is under consideration.

(*f*) Yes, *vide* reply to (*a*) (ii) above.

(*g*) It is under consideration.

Construction of Court Buildings in Davangere.

*Q.—129. **Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Munsiff and the Magistrate Courts were, respectively, started in Davangere;

(*b*) the rent so far paid from the commencement of both the Courts up-to-date for locating each of them;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that a new private building is coming up in front of the Munsiff's Court having the conservancy lane of the new building in front of the Munsiff's Court;

(*d*) whether it is not absolutely essential to put up a new Court building in a suitable locality?

A.—**Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) (i) The Munsiff's Court at Davangere was started on 1st July 1920.

(ii) The Special First Class Magistrate's Court at Davangere was started in the year 1929-30.

(*b*) (i) Rent so far paid (*i.e*, from the commencement till to-date) for the building in which the Court of the Munsiff, Davangere, is located is Rs. 37,625.

(ii) A sum of Rs. 5,440 has been paid towards rent to the building in which the Special First Class Magistrate's Court at Davangere is located for the period from August 1937 to the end of February 1950. Particulars relating to the rent paid for the period prior to August 1937 are not available.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Opening an additional Criminal Court in Davangere.

*Q.—130. **Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA** (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased state :—

(*a*) whether the Minister for Law inspected the Special First Class Magistrate's Court, Davangere;